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Applicant: Osamu SHIRASAKI et al. Conf.: 2596  
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING MOLDED ARTICLE  
OF MODIFIED POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE  
BY JOINING

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated June 9, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This Amendment includes an Amended Claim Set and Remarks.